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Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the situation in Haiti, which has deteriorated further in the past few days.

By its resolution 48/27 B of 8 July 1994, the General Assembly approved the extension of the mandate of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) for one year. This joint United Nations/Organization of American States (OAS) human rights monitoring mission has been performing the useful role of verifying compliance with international human rights standards in Haiti in order to assist in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the restoration of democracy in that country.

On 11 July 1994, the de facto authorities in Haiti delivered to the Executive Director of MICIVIH in Port au Prince a decree of the "Provisional President" declaring the international staff of MICIVIH "undesirable" and giving them 48 hours to leave Haitian territory.

Taking into consideration the security of the staff of MICIVIH, I decided, in consultation with the Acting Secretary-General of OAS, that they would have to be evacuated. It is planned that both the United Nations and the OAS personnel will leave Haiti tomorrow (13 July).

I deplore the fact that, despite the efforts of the international community, the de facto authorities in Haiti, who continue to flout their commitments under the Governors Island Agreement, have now stopped the monitoring of the violations of human rights and political freedoms which are taking place in the country.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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